



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 99-371)

PATENT

In re Application of: Thomason et al.

Serial No.: 09/391,861

Filed: September 7, 1999

For: Fibroblast Growth Factor-Like
Polypeptides

Before the Examiner: D. Nguyen

Group Art Unit: 1632

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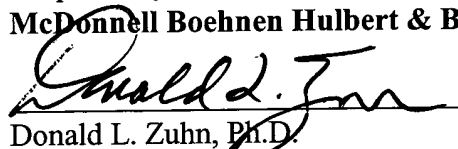
TRANSMITTAL LETTER

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached papers for the above-described patent application: Petition for Extension of Time, Response to Office Action, and return postcard.
2. A check in the amount of \$950.00 for an Extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), is attached.
3. GENERAL AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE OR CREDIT FEES: Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.
4. CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the papers, as described in paragraph 1, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on October 8, 2003.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED APRIL 8, 2003

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 8, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments. Pursuant to revised 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, Applicants present a complete listing of the claims, including marked up versions of all currently amended claims, at pages 2-5.

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